

2009 Michigan Notable Books Programming Ideas from the Michigan Center for the Book

The 2009 Michigan Notable Books list is the Library of Michigan's annual selection of up to 20 recommended books featuring high-quality titles with wide public appeal that are either written by a Michigan resident or about a Michigan-related topic. These titles offer wonderful programming opportunities for a diverse range of your community members. The Michigan Center for the Book has created a list of general tips and specific ideas for each book on the 2009 Michigan Notable Books list. Please share your programming ideas with us!

Suggestions for the Michigan Notable Books list:

- Do an exhibit of the 2009 Michigan Notable Books.
- Do an exhibit of Michigan Notable books through the years.
- Do an exhibit of Michigan Notable books through the years on a similar topic, i.e. automobile industry, children's books, nature, architecture, novels set in Detroit, etc.
- Arrange a visit from one of the 2009 authors.

Supporting sites and information:

Exhibit information:

- For ideas about exhibits, view library exhibits online at the Smithsonian Institution (www.sil.si.edu/SILPublications/Online-Exhibitions).
- *Library Displays Handbook*. Mark Schaeffer, H.W. Wilson, 1991.
- *Creating a Winning Online Exhibition: a Guide for Libraries, Archives, and Museums*. Martin R. Kalfatovic, American Library Association, 2002.
- For visual marketing ideas, see www.fibre2fashion.com/industry-article/6/547/the-art-of-visual-merchandising1.asp or *Visual Merchandising: Window and In-store Displays for Retail*. Tony Morgan, Laurence King, 2008.

Author Visit information:

- Find information on how to set up author visits, including sample contracts, tips and to do lists at www.michigan.gov/authorvisits.
- To see if an author will do library events, contact Randy Riley (rileyrl@michigan.gov) or Kris Rzepczynski (rzepczynskik@michigan.gov).

Michigan Notable Books and Tour information:

- Current and previous Michigan Notable Book lists are at www.michigan.gov/notablebooks.
- The 2009 Michigan Notable Book Author tour schedule is at www.michigan.gov/notablebooks.
- For Michigan Notable Book posters, bookmarks or book cover medallions (12 for \$2.50), please contact Kim Laird (lairdk1@michigan.gov). Requests are subject to availability.

Suggestions for individual Michigan Notable Books:

- Offer read-a-likes for your readers.
- Do an exhibit based on the book content.
- Arrange a presentation based on the book content with a local community group.
- Arrange a trip to a destination linked to the book.

***Asylum for the Insane: A History of the Kalamazoo State Hospital* by William Decker**

Exhibits:

- Books and archival materials on Michigan state hospitals.
- Historic public buildings.

Presentations:

- Local mental health group
- Historic building preservation society
- Nursing or medical group on the evolution of medical treatment for mental illness.

Read-A-Likes:

- *Angels in the Architecture: a Photographic Elegy to an American Asylum.* Heidi Johnson, Wayne State University, 2001.
- *Eloise: Poorhouse, Farm, Asylum, and Hospital, 1839-1984.* Patricia Ibbotson, Arcadia, 2002.
- *Asylum: Pontiac's Grand Monument from the Gilded Age.* Bruce J. Annett, Jr., Oakland County Pioneer & Historical Society, 2002.

***The English Major* by Jim Harrison**

Exhibits:

- Books by Jim Harrison.
- Biographical materials on Jim Harrison

Presentations:

- Movies based on Jim Harrison books, such as *Legends of the Fall* and *Wolf*.
- Nature groups such as the Sierra Club.
- English departments at local high schools and colleges.

Read-A-Likes:

- *Farmer.* Jim Harrison, Delta, 1980.
- *True North.* Jim Harrison, Grove Press, 2004.
- *Returning to Earth.* Jim Harrison, Grove Press, 2007.
- *Off to the Side: a Memoir.* Jim Harrison, Atlantic Monthly Press, 2002.

***The Expeditions* by Karl Iagnemma**

Exhibits:

- Books on the Upper Peninsula.
- 19th century naturalists and naturalism.
- Frontier life

Presentations:

- Re-enactors of the early 19th century to speak on life in Michigan in that era.
- Early naturalists by a biology/history or forestry professor.
- 19th century Upper Peninsula by a history professor.

Read-A-Likes:

- *Recovering Ruth: A Biographer's Tale*. Robert Root, University of Nebraska Press, 2003.
- *The Kingsley House*. Arliss Ryan, St. Martin's Press, 2000.
- *Brothers of the Heart: a Story of the Old Northwest, 1837-1838*. Joan Bloss, Scribner, 1985.

***Historic Cottages of Glen Lake* by Barbara Siepker**

Exhibits:

- Books & ephemera on Michigan cottage architecture.
- Range of historic architecture in Michigan.
- Historic Leelanau area.

Presentations:

- Historic preservation societies, either municipal or private.
- Architectural societies.

Read-A-Likes:

- *Historic cottages of Mackinac Island*. Susan Stites, Lea Ann Sterling, Lanny Sterling, Arbutus Press, 2001.
- *Vintage Views of Leelanau County*. M. Christine Byron and Thomas R. Wilson, Sleeping Bear Press, 2002.

***"Jiffy" A Family Tradition: Mixing Business and Old-Fashioned Values* by Cynthia Furlong**

Exhibits:

- Books & ephemera on Michigan food manufacturers, such as Jiffy, Sanders, Kellogg's, Vernor's, etc.

Presentations:

- Cooking demonstration from a local chef using Michigan products.

Trips:

- Tour of the Jiffy plant in Chelsea. Tour scheduling at (734) 475-1361.

Read-A-Likes:

- *The Vernor's Story: from Gnomes to Now*. Lawrence L. Rouch, University of Michigan Press, 2003.
- LeRoy Barnett's series on Michigan companies in *Michigan History Magazine*. 1998 on is full-text in MeL.org – General Reference Center Gold database.

***Knucklehead: Tall Tales and Mostly True Stories of Growing Up Scieszka* by Jon Scieszka**

Exhibits:

- Michigan author biographies.

- Biographies of Flint natives.

Presentations:

- Historical society on Flint history.
- Big Brothers Big Sisters on siblings

Read-A-Likes:

- *I Love Gootie: My Grandmother's Story*. Max Apple, 1998.
- *Made in Detroit: a South of 8-Mile Memoir*. Paul Clemens, Doubleday, 2005.
- *Northern Passages: Feisty Tales of "Growing up North."* Jerry Harju, Avery Color Studios, 1995.

Looking for Hickories: The Forgotten Wildness of the Midwest by Tom Springer

Exhibits:

- Books on Michigan wilderness.
- Midwest barns.
- Hiking in Michigan.

Presentations:

- MSU extension office naturalist.
- Michigan United Conservation Clubs speaker.
- Centennial farms.
- Local chapter of the Nature Conservancy or Sierra Club.
- Hiking group.

Read-A-Likes:

- *Barns of Old Mission Peninsula and their Stories*. Evelyn Johnson, Dickinson Press, 2007.
- *Michigan: Our Land, Our Water, Our Heritage*. John Knott, editor, University of Michigan Press, 2008.
- *Great Lakes Nature: an Outdoor Year*. Mary Blocksma, University of Michigan Press, 2003.
- *The Michigan Roadside Naturalist*. J. Alan Holman & Margaret B. Holman, University of Michigan Press, 2003.

Measure of the Heart: a Father's Alzheimer's, a Daughter's Return by Mary Ellen Geist

Exhibits:

- Materials and local resources for caregivers.
- Materials and local resources on dementias.

Presentation:

- Social worker on care giving
- Doctor on Alzheimer's and related dementias.
- Area Agency on Aging on local resources and issues.

Book discussion:

- Invite local caregiver and Alzheimer's support groups.

Read-A-Likes:

- *Still with Me: a Daughter's Journey of Love and Loss*. Andrea King Collier, Simon and Schuster, 2003.

- *Caring for Mother: a Daughter's Long Goodbye.* Virginia Owens, Westminster John Knox Press, 2007.

***The Model T: A Centennial History* by Robert Casey**

Exhibits:

- Model T and/or other early car model books & ephemera.
- Ford Motor Company books & ephemera.

Presentations:

- Model T owners group or other car enthusiast groups.
- Historic car show organizers.
- Historical society on Ford, auto industry or life in Detroit for plant workers.

Trips:

- National Automotive History Collection at the restored Skillman Branch of the Detroit Public Library.
- The Henry Ford Museum.
- The Ford Rouge Factory Tour.

Read-A-Likes:

- *Ford Model T: the Car that put the World on Wheels.* Motorbooks, Lindsay Brooke, 2008.
- *Wheels for the world: Henry Ford, his Company, and a Century of Progress, 1903-2003.* Viking, Douglas Brinkley, 2003.
- *Riding the Roller Coaster: a History of the Chrysler Corporation.* Charles K. Hyde, Wayne State University Press, 2003.

***Ninety Years Crossing Lake Michigan: The History of the Ann Arbor Car Ferries* by Grant Brown**

Exhibits:

- Transportation on the Great Lakes
- Great Lakes car ferries.

Presentations:

- Maritime historical societies.
- Railroad historical societies.
- History travel groups.

Read-A-Likes:

- *Michigan State Ferries.* Les Bagley, Arcadia, 2007.
- *The Ferry Steamers: The Story of the Detroit-Windsor Ferry Boats.* William Oxford, Stoddart, 1995.

***A Picturesque Situation: Mackinac Before Photography, 1615-1860* by Brian Leigh Dunnigan**

Exhibits:

- Early maps and atlases of Michigan.
- Mackinac area history.

Presentations:

- History of Mackinac area by a historian.

- Travel program on Mackinac yesterday and today.

Trips:

- Mackinac State Parks (Fort Mackinac, Colonial Michilimackinac, Old Mackinac Point Lighthouse, Old Mill Creek Discovery Park)

Read-A-Likes:

- *Vintage Views of the Mackinac Straits Region*. M. Christine Byron & Thomas R. Wilson, Arbutus Press, 2007.
- *Frontier Metropolis: Picturing Early Detroit, 1701-1838*. Brian Leigh Dunnigan, Wayne State University Press, 2001.
- *Mackinac Island: Its History in Pictures*. Eugene Petersen, Mackinac Island State Park Commission, 1973.

Ravens in the Storm: A Personal History of the 1960s Antiwar Movement by Carl Oglesby

Exhibits:

- 1960s Ann Arbor.
- Student antiwar movement.
- Current antiwar movement.

Presentations:

- History of the 1960s by a historian or professor.
- History of student movements by a historian or professor.
- 1960s antiwar movement and current antiwar movement.
- Remembrances of the era locally by historical group.

Read-A-Likes:

- *Fugitive Days: a Memoir*. Bill Ayers, Beacon Press, 2001.
- *Flying Close to the Sun: My Life and Times as a Weatherman*. Cathy Wilkerson, Seven Stories Press, 2007.
- *Lost from the Ottawa: The Story of the Journey Back*. Pun Plamondon, Trafford Publishing, 2006.

Roadie: the Misunderstood World of a Bike Racer by Jamie Smith

Exhibits:

- Bike racing in general.
- Michigan bike trails and races.

Presentations:

- Local bike club on Michigan races.
- Local or state bike trail administrator.
- Bicycle Movies: *Breaking Away* (1979), *American Flyers* (1985), *Quicksilver* (1986).

Read-A-Likes:

- *A Dog in a Hat: an American Bike Racer's Story of Mud, Drugs, Blood, Betrayal, and Beauty in Belgium*. Velo Press, Joe Parkin, 2008.
- *Every Second Counts*. Lance Armstrong and Sally Jenkins, Broadway Books, 2004.

***Sirens of Chrome: the Enduring Allure of the Auto Show Model* by Margery Krevsky**

Exhibits:

- Modeling across industries.
- Detroit auto show books & ephemera.
- Auto advertising books & ephemera.

Presentations:

- Car club owners group.
- Automotive history group.

Read-A-Likes:

- *GM's Motorama: The Glamorous Show Cars of a Cultural Phenomenon*. David Temple, MBI Publishing, 2006.
- *Future Retro*. Fred Sharf, MFA Publications, 2005.
- *The First Century of the Detroit Auto Show*. Robert Szudarek, Society of Automotive Engineers, 2000.

***Summer Dreams: the Story of Bob-lo Island* by Patrick Livingston**

Exhibits:

- Michigan vacation destinations.
- Amusement parks in Michigan.

Presentations:

- History of Bob-lo Island by historian or local history group.
- History of Detroit by historian or local history group.

Read-A-Likes:

- *Bob-Lo Revisited*. Press Lorentz, Bill Rauhauser and Martin Magid, 2003.
- *Island in the City: Belle Isle, Detroit's Beautiful Island: how Belle Isle Changed Detroit Forever*. Janet Anderson, Heitman Garand, 2001.
- *Detroit's Belle Isle: Island Park Gem*. Michael Rodriguez and Thomas Featherstone, Arcadia, 2003.

***The Toledo War: The First Michigan-Ohio Rivalry* by Don Faber**

Exhibits:

- Founding of the state.
- 19th Century MI history.
- Early Michigan atlases and maps.

Presentations:

- Local history group on Michigan's path to statehood.
- Re-enactor group on life in the 1830s and Michigan military groups.

Read-A-Likes:

- *Ohio vs. Michigan: Guns across the Maumee*. Kit Lane, Pavilion Press, 2001.
- *Rise and Fall of Toledo, Michigan...the Toledo War!* Sister Mary Karl George, Michigan Historical Commission, 1971.

***War as They Knew It: Woody Hayes, Bo Schembechler, and America in a Time of Unrest* by Michael Rosenberg**

Exhibits:

- Michigan college football teams' history.
- Famous football coaches.

Presentations:

- University of Michigan football history by a professor or historian.
- History of University of Michigan in the 1960s by a historian or the alumni society.

Read-A-Likes:

- *The 100-Yard War: Inside the 100-year-old Michigan-Ohio State Football Rivalry*. John Wiley and Sons. Greg Emmanuel, 2004.
- *I Remember Bo: Memories of Michigan's Legendary Coach*. George Cantor, Triumph Books, 2007.
- *A Fire to Win: The Life and Times of Woody Hayes*. John Lombardo, St. Martin's Press. 2006.
- *University of Michigan Football Vault: a History of the Wolverines*. Jerry Green, Whitman Publishing, 2008.

***When the Church Becomes Your Party: Contemporary Gospel Music* by Deborah Smith Pollard**

Exhibits:

- Gospel Music
- Detroit music scene, either current or historical.
- African-American churches and gospel.

Presentations:

- Performance by gospel group.
- Historic or current Detroit music scene by historian or producer such as Rev. Robert Jones, host of WDET's gospel show "Deep River."

Read-A-Likes:

- *Woke Me Up This Morning: Black Gospel Singers and the Gospel Life*. Alan Young, University Press of Mississippi, 1997.
- *How Sweet the Sound: the Golden Age of Gospel*. Horace Clarence Boyer, Elliott and Clark, 1995.

***Who's Jim Hines?* by Jean Alicia Elster**

Exhibits:

- Great Depression in Detroit.
- Michigan young adult historical novels.

Presentations:

- Young adult historical author.
- Detroit historian or storyteller.

Read-A-Likes:

- *Bud, not Buddy*. Christopher Paul Curtis, Delacorte Press, 1999.
- *Hanging On; or, How to Get Through a Depression and Enjoy Life*. Edmund G. Love, W. Morrow, 1972.

***Wreck of the Carl D.: A True Story of Loss, Survival, and Rescue at Sea* by Michael Schumacher**

Exhibits:

- Michigan shipping industry.
- Michigan shipwrecks.

Presentations:

- Michigan shipwrecks by a historian
- History of Great Lakes shipping by a historian.

Trips:

- Great Lakes Maritime Collection at Alpena County Library.

Read-A-Likes:

- *Mighty Fitz: the Sinking of the Edmund Fitzgerald*. Michael Schumacher, Bloomsbury Publishing, 2005.
- *Shipwreck Hunter: Deep, Dark & Deadly in the Great Lakes*. Gerald Volgenau, Ann Arbor Media Group, 2007.
- *Lives and Legends of the Christmas Tree Ships*. Fred Neuschel, University of Michigan Press, 2009.
- *Shadow Divers: the True Adventure of Two Americans Who Risked Everything to Solve One of the Last Mysteries of World War II*. Robert Kurson, Random House, 2005.